

## Orthography

ochebi, Zophei(Ahnai/Vytu, Bawipa and Asah/Leita), Senthang(Khuapi/Saith a), Lautu(Awhsa/Kahno) & Saté

Mara Alphabet (capital letters): A, AW, Y, B, CH, D, E, F, H, I, K, L, M, N, NG, O, Ô, P, R, S, T, U, V, Z

Mara Alphabet (small letters): a, aw, y, b, ch, d, e, f, h, i, k, l, m, n, ng, o, ô, p, r, s, t, u, v, z

Mara diphthongs: ao, yu, ai, ei, ia, ie, ua

## Grammar

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### Plurals

The plural form of a noun is formed by affixing one of the following terms to the end of the noun:

- *zy* (*zeu*)
- *zydua* (*zeu-dua*)
- *nawh*
- *sahlao* (*sha-hlawh*)

Words inside bracket were how a foreign author N.E. Parry (1937) wrote according to his understanding of the sound. But now the Maras have their own alphabet and the correct usages are put up there.

### Interrogative words in Mara

**What** : Khâpa, Khâpa e, Khâpa maw **Where** : Khataih lâ, Khataih liata **How** : kheihhta, kheihawhta, Khatluta, Kheihhta maw **How much?** : Khazie? **How long?** : Khachâ e, Khachâ maw? **When** : Khatita, khatita e, Khâpa nota, nota, tita, nahta, pata, Conj. thlaita, khati nota **Why** : Khazia, Khazia-e, Khazia maw, Khâpa vâta **Why not** : Khazia a châ vei chheih aw **Whose** : Kheihawhpa, Kheihawhpa he, Kheihawhpa-e, Kheihawhpa maw, ahy he maw **Which** : Kheihawhpa, Kheihawhpa he, Kheihawhpa-e, Kheihawhpa maw, ahy he maw **Friend** : Viasa **Male Friend** : Viasa Paw **Female Friend**: Viasa Nô **Walk/Go** : Sie (Phei ta Sie) **Run** : Arâ, â râ **Sleep** : Amô, Azia, Apazawh, â mô, â zia, â pazawh **See** : Mo, hmô **Sit** : Â tyuh, atyuh **Stand** : Â duah, aduah **Jump** : Â pathluah, apathluah **Hit** : Â chô, achô **Eat** : Nie **Drink** : Doh

### Pronouns

Singular:

- 1st person-*keima* or *kei* I
- 2nd person-*nâma* or *na* You
- 3rd person-*ano* or *a* or *ama'* *He, She, It*

Plural:

- 1st person-*eima* We
- 2nd person-*nâmo*, *nâma* You
- 3rd person-*âmo* They

### Possessive Pronouns

- ***Singular***
- Keima, ei - **my**.

- keima eih, kei eih - **mine**.
- Nâma, na - **Thy(You)**
- Nâma eih, na eih - **Thine(Yours)**
- Ama, a - **Him, Her, It**.
- Ama eih, a eih - **His, Hers, Its**.

**\*Plural.**

- Keimo - **Our**.
- Keimo eih - **Ours**.
- Nâmo - **Your**.
- Ahyrai - **Any one**.
- Ahy tlyma - **Some one, a certain one**.
- A tlâhpi - **Some . . . others**.
- A hropa - **Another, others**.
- Ama zydua ta - **All**.

## References

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<http://www.marasaw.com/?m=1>

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## External links

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- Marasaw.com [1] (<http://www.marasaw.com/?m=1>)
- Maraland.NET *Home of Mara language speaking people* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20091207044315/http://www.maraland.net/>)
- Maraland.org *MITCS website* (<http://maraland.org/>)
- A grammar and dictionary of the Lakher language (1908) ([https://archive.org/details/agrammara\\_nddict00savigoog](https://archive.org/details/agrammara_nddict00savigoog)) (Scanned book at the [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org/))

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